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GROUND ZERO/MEL WHITE ISSUE APPEAL FOR HELP

In the August, 1994 issue of Ground Zero News, it was announced that Dr. Mel White, author of *Stranger at the Gate*, who had just completed the *Fast for Understanding* in front of the Focus on the Family Campus, and Ground Zero, would initiate a program to introduce materials and information to the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Postal Service relevant to the SPECIAL non-profit status of Focus on the Family.

Ground Zero joins Dr. White in his belief that Dr. James Dobson, Director of Focus on the Family, Focus on the Family, and their subsidiary groups, have assumed the lead in attacking gays and lesbians and in supporting laws that would exclude gays and lesbians from and fighting laws that would include gays and lesbians in civil rights ordinances.

Inasmuch as it is the belief of Dr. White and of Ground Zero that Focus on the Family has entered strongly into the world of lobbying and political activity to accomplish the elimination of gays and lesbians from viable participation in government and society, it is proposed that Focus on the Family is in violation of the provisions of its IRS 501 (c)(3) status and is in violation of its SPECIAL Non-Profit Bulk Rate status with the United States Postal Service.

This opinion is even more forcefully supported with indications that Focus on the Family, and its subsidiary front organizations, are, or have been, deeply involved in action to support anti-abortion legislation and political activity, to affect legislative action in the fields of education, family leave, health care, environment, the exclusion of gays in the military, in matters involving pro-family leave legislation, criminal law, among many others. It is further indicated that they have objectives in the areas of the Equal Rights Amendment and of English Only Laws, as well as immigration laws and laws that support multiculturalism.

Ground Zero is collecting materials to support all of these allegations, including printed materials, voice and video recordings, testimony, etc., attributable to Focus on the Family, Dr. James Dobson, their various local organizations around the nation and the Family Research Council. Many gays and lesbians, and those friendly to gay and lesbian rights, have been collecting these materials and/or are on the mailing lists of Focus on the Family and related organizations. Ground Zero seeks copies of relevant materials, directly attributable to Dr. Dobson and these organizations and stories and articles that may have appeared in other publications or that are extracted from other television and radio commentaries and reports.

If you are out there and have been wondering if you would ever have use for these materials you've [illegible] in NOW to the address given below. Those involved in groups are asked to pass this request on to the membership in these groups through newsletters and direct mailing and those involved in computer networks are asked to send this request out with widest spread possible.

Don't delay. Send your salient materials to Ground Zero, P. O. Box 1982, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901 today. It is time to confront the purveyors of lies, myths and stereotyping head on; it is time to seek to deny them the 'Special' privileges that they are abusing and it is time to stop them from receiving tax relief and tax support to distribute information that is political in nature and has political objectives and for creating the national mood of "cultural warfare" that is causing the death of so many of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. If you also want to support this activity financially, you are encouraged to send donations made to Ground Zero at the above address

Ground Zero is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization primarily concerned with issues of interest to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Located in the "Vatican of Fundamentalism (the belly of the beast), Colorado Springs, Colorado, Ground Zero works through education, community outreach and coalition building.